

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 011738.00001

In re U.S. Patent Application of:)	
Torgerson, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3763
Application No. 09/686,468)	
)	Examiner: Manuel Mendez
Filed: October 11, 2000)	
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For: Implantable Non-Invasive Rate-Adjusted)	
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

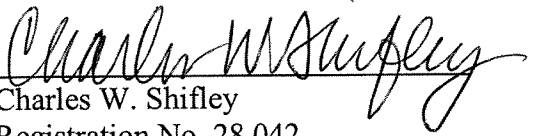
Applicant respectfully requests a report with respect to the status of the above-identified application. As of today's date, Applicant has not received a response to its last written status request electronically filed on November 21, 2007. Applicant also notes multiple voice messages were left for Examiner Mendez including those on November 17, 2006, November 21, 2006 and January 10, 2007 requesting a status report. Applicant has also enlisted the aid of Vicki Messenger of Schellin & Associates, a liaison located near the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, to make contact with Examiner Mendez to obtain a status report with regards to this application. On April 23, 2007, Ms. Messenger reported that a request had been made with the Office to track the file and deliver it to Examiner Mendez. Applicant continued to monitor the application on the Office's Private PAIR database for a change in status. On July 27, 2007, Vicki Messenger reported making contact with Examiner Mendez and noted Applicant should expect to receive an Office Action shortly.

Applicant notes it timely filed a Response to Office Action Dated March 02, 2004 on June 2, 2004. Applicant is becoming increasingly concerned with the lack of response regarding the status of this application and would appreciate receiving a timely reply to its Status Inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 7, 2008

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